PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

Notifications of the Ministry of Defence and related papers under the Navy Act, 1957.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI) : Sir, I beg to lay on the Table—

I. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Notifications of the Ministry of Defence, under section 185 of the Navy Act, 1957:—

(i) S.R.O. No. 33, dated the 6th January, 1988 declaring the service in Andaman and Nicobar Islands as active service under the said Act. [Placed in Library. *See* No. LT- 6405/88]

(ii) S.R.O. No. 147, dated the 18th June, 1988, publishing the Naval Ceremonial, Conditions of Service and Miscellaneous (Amendment) Regulations, 1988. [Placed in Library. *See* No. LT-6406/88]

II. Statement (in English and Hindi) giving reasons for the delay in laying the Notification mentioned at I (i) above. [Placed in Library. *See* No. LT- 6405/88]

I. Corrections made in Schedule XX of the Delimitation of Parliamentary and Assembly Constituencies Order, 1976.

II. Delimitation of Council Constituencies (Mysore) Amendment Order, 1988.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI HANSRAJ BHARDWAJ) : Sir, I beg to lay on the Table—

I. A copy (in English and Hindi) of the Ministry of Law and Justice Notification O.N. No. 82(E), dated the 30th July, 1987, publishing the corrections made in Schedule XX of the Delimitation of Parliamentary and Assembly Constituencies Order, 1976, under sub-section (2) of section 9 of the Representation of People Act, 1950. [Placed in Library. *See* No. LT-6419/88]

II. A copy (in English and Hindi) of the Ministry of Law and Justice Notification G.S.R. No. 448 (E), dated the 12th April, 1988 publishing the Delimitation of Council Constituencies (Mysore) Amendment Order 1988, under sub-section (3) of section 13 of the Representation of the people Act, 1950. [Placed in Library. *See* No. LT- 6420/88]

I. Madhya Pradesh Administrative Tribunal (Procedure) Amendment Rules, 1988.

II. Tamil Nadu Administrative Tribunal (Salaries and Allowances and Conditions of Service of Chairman, Vice-chairman and Members) Rules, 1988.

III. Tamil Nadu Administrative Tribunal (Procedure) Rules, 1988.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM) : Sir, I beg to lay on the Table, under sub-section (1) of section 37 of the Administrative Tribunals Act, 1985, a copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Notifications of the Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions :—

(i) G.S.R. No. 754(E), dated the 29th June, 1988, publishing the Madhya Pradesh Administrative Tribunal (Procedure) Amendment Rules, 1988.

(ii) G.S.R. No. 755(E), dated the 29th June, 1988, publishing the Tamil Nadu Administrative Tribunal (Salaries and Allowances and Conditions of Service of Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Members) Rules, 1988.

(iii) G.S.R. No. 756(E), dated the 29th June, 1988, publishing the Tamil Nadu Administrative Tribunal (Procedure) Rules, 1988, [Placed in Library, *See* No. LT-6407-88 for (i) to (iii)]

MESSAGE FROM THE LOK SABHA

National Security (Amendment) Bill, 1988

ADDITIONAL SECRETARY : Sir, I have to report to the House the following message received from the Lok Sabha, signed by the Secretary-General of the Lok Sabha :

"In accordance with the provisions of Rule 96 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in Lok Sabha, I am directed to enclose the National Security (Amendment) Bill, 1988, as passed by Lok Sabha at its sitting held on the 17th August, 1988."

Sir, I lay a copy of the Bill on the Table.

CALLING ATTENTION TO A MATTER OF URGENT PUBLIC IMPORTANCE

Problems of agricultural labour in the country and the action taken by Government in this regard.

[**The Deputy Chairman** in the Chair]

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA (West Bengal) : Madam, I beg to call the attention of the Minister of Labour to the problems of agricultural labour in the country and the action taken by Government in this regard.

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI BINDESHWARI DUBEY) : Madam, Hon'ble Members are aware, agricultural labour constitute about two-thirds of the total of those employed and is widely dispersed throughout the country. Many among agricultural workers consist of the rural poor among which may be numbered landless agricultural workers marginal and small farmers and other marginal workers. Various surveys and reports have highlighted the problems of agricultural labour. These range from unemployment unstable employment low wages, low productiviy where land is owned by agriculturl labour inadequate housing lack of organisation and access to social security. In order to reduce the incidence of rural poverty three broad policy options have been pursued as part of the Seventh Plan strategy : Firstly to increase the asset holding of the poor redistributive land reform measures have been adopted in the past and special programmes of assistance for creation of better productive asset base have been introduced in the more recent years. Secondly augmentation of wage incomes has been sought through expansion of employment in agricultural and non-agricultural activities in the rural areas, and special employment generation programmes have been initiated to provide supplementary employment. Thirdly, provision for improved access for the poor to important services like education and health has been sought to be made through other programmes like Minimum Needs Programme (MNP). Further, efforts have been made to minimise the erosion of the real incomes of the poor due to price rise, by ensuring supplies of foodgrains and other essential commodities through the public distribution system. Besides, special programmes to provide opportunities for betterment of life have been developed for the specially disadvantaged groups like, Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes and Women.

The thrust of Government's developmental strategy, with its primacy to agriculture and agriculture deved lopment is meant to address the problem of agricultural workers and